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DEPART PASS COMMERCE AND EXIMBANK; ABU DHABI PASS GRIFFIN;
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1. REUTERS DISPATCH, DATELINED FEBRUARY 25, STATES SYRIAN
ARAB AIRLINES HAS DECIDED TO BUY THREE BOEING 707-320C'S.

2. BOEING BEIRUT CONFIRMS THAT SYRIAN ARAB HAS IN FACT
INDICATED ITS DECISION TO ACQUIRE THREE 707-320C'S, PROBABLY
POWERED BY UPDATED PRATT AND WHITNEY JT3D-7 ENGINES. VALUE OF
THE ORDER WHEN CONFIRMED WILL APPROXIMATE \$45 MILLION,
WITH DELIVERY OF AT LEAST TWO OF THE AIRCRAFT SPRING 1975.

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SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES TECHNICAL TEAM NOW IN SEATTLE

NEGOITATING DETAILS SPECIFICATIONS AND CONFIGURATION OF THE THREE AIRCRAFT. ALL THREE WILL BE CONFIGURED WITH BOEING'S NEW WIDEBODIED-LOOK INTERIORS.

3. BOEING EMPHASIZES THAT NO FINAL SALES CONTRACT HAS YET BEEN SIGNED, WHICH PRESUMABLY IS SUOBBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND (POSSIBLY) FINAL SYRIAN GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL. THE BOEING COMPANY NOW LOGICALLY LOOKS AHEAD TO POSSIBLE FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF SYRIAN ARAB'S FOUR OBSOLESCE CARAVELLE SUPER B'S WITH BOEING ADVANCED 727-200 TRIJETS. GODLEY

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